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Fire Island National Seashore Facilities to Open in Mid-May Sailors Haven Marina Opening Delayed While Repairs Completed

Patchogue, NY—Fire Island National Seashore opens its public marina and campground at Watch Hill on Saturday, May 13, this year. Ferry service to Watch Hill begins the same day. Under the management of Fire Island Concessions, LLC, many improvements have been initiated at Watch Hill, with many more in the works. Limited weekend programs and guided tours have begun at the Watch Hill and Wilderness visitor centers. Additional summer visitor activities and lifeguard protection at Watch Hill and Sailors Haven beaches will begin on June 24, 2006. “We look forward to another great summer season,” stated Superintendent Mike Reynolds, “and will have additional opportunities this year for public participation to help improve Fire Island National Seashore and keep the park such a special place.”

Due to construction and rehabilitation over the winter at Sailors Haven, a delayed opening of all facilities is expected. Ferry service and the concession stand will be open for Memorial Day. Limited marina service will be available until full opening in early June.

Pets are not permitted on most beaches within Fire Island National Seashore or in the federal wilderness area from March 15 through Labor Day, due to the increase in piping plover nesting activity. Each year since 2002 has been successively more successful for this federally threatened and New York State endangered species. Your understanding of restrictions and support of the program are greatly appreciated.

For more information about Fire Island National Seashore, visit the park’s website at www.nps.gov/fiis. Enjoy your summer on Fire Island.

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